

FIRST FRIDAY confessions  
tonight and tomorrow.

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Benediction First  
Friday evening after  
supper - 6:00 P.M.

### How's Your Language?

What is your reaction when you hear someone use the name of Jesus in a disrespectful manner? How do you feel when you are the guilty person?

There should be a reaction in both cases, because the name of Jesus is the name of our God and Redeemer, and no one should be indifferent to irreverence shown to Him or His Holy Name.

If you make vain use of the name of Jesus (or God, or Lord, or Christ), you have an obligation to correct yourself. Try this remedy. When you become conscious that you have used God's name in a cheap manner, say a prayer of reparation immediately. The prayer should be short, something like, "Blessed be God," or "My Jesus, mercy," or "Jesus, Mary, Joseph," or some favorite ejaculation that fits your devotion. Maybe you did not mean what you said, perhaps it was a slip, the result of an old habit; nevertheless, say the short prayer quietly and humbly in your heart, without stopping at your work or play, for even these indeliberate falls must be checked.

The prayer of reparation is helpful for two reasons: like every prayer it draws down God's help in conquering a fault; secondly, it makes the guilty person more thoughtful before speaking, and it is thoughtlessness more than malice that is behind the profanity of good people.

Love for Christ will prompt you to say a prayer of reparation when you hear others violate the Second Commandment. In this case, the prayer can be a petition that God will forgive and help the offender. Moreover, it will aid you in being more thoughtful yourself.

In many instances, strong language is an expression of impatience. It's a way of letting off steam, but an illicit method. When more patience enters the world there will be more respect for God's name. When students will take their failures more calmly, the grating actions of hallmates more resignedly and sudden physical suffering and untoward events more after the manner of Christ, then they will cease to use the name of Jesus with disrespect.

Can Our Lord say that He is pleased with your language? If He can't, then get down to business. Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion in reparation for your offences and for strengthening grace. Reverence is a virtue. You can achieve it, if you try.

#### Correction: The Nine Fridays Can be Made in 1945.

The Tuesday BULLETIN should have said: "Good Friday in 1945 does not fall on the First Friday of the month. So it is possible (not impossible) to receive Holy Communion on the 'First Friday in nine consecutive months.'" The reward for this devotion draws down from Christ extra graces to enable you to die a happy death. It's worth making don't you think?

Sign up for First Friday Adoration. Leave your name and the half hour you are taking on the list posted on your hall bulletin board. Adoration from 11 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

#### Prayers.

A telegram came from Jim Casey, '44 of Buffalo last night, saying his father just died and "have the fellows remember him in their prayers." Peter Brown who withdrew from school recently because of illness is somewhat better, tho still hospitalized. Also remember Joseph Gilbert, killed in Action.